

Irrigation Projects In Haryana

5124. SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the irrigation projects in Haryana pending with the Union Government; and

(b) the time by which those are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Two major projects, namely construction of Hathnikund barrage and Haryana Irrigation III Project (World Bank Programme) were received in the Central Water Commission for techno-economic examination in August, 1990 and April, 1991 respectively. The appraisal status of these projects is as under:-

- (i) *Hathnikund Barrage*: This Barrage has been proposed in replacement of the existing Tajewala head Works which has become very old. The estimated cost of the new proposed barrage is Rs. 72.89 crores. This project was considered by the Advisory Committee in its meeting held in March, 1991 and was found acceptable subject to Uttar Pradesh and Haryana agreeing to the capacities of the head regulators.
- (ii) *Haryana Irrigation III Project (World Bank Programme)*: This Project comprises 16 components including Hathnikund Barrage as one of the components. Of these 16 components, 4 components relating to installation of Sprinkler sets, augmentation of drinking water supply,

research and training and development of road communication do not pertain to Central Water Commission. Of the remaining, reports for only 7 components have been received in the Central Water Commission. The estimated cost of these 7 components is Rs. 579 crores and the area benefitted is 244 thousand ha. After scrutiny in the Central Water Commission comments were sent to Government of Haryana for compliance in July, 1991. The Government of Haryana have yet to send their compliance. Government of Haryana have also to send project report of the remaining 4 components.

Short notes were also put up to the advisory Committee for the following projects which were in advance stages of construction and where substantial expenditure has been incurred:-

Major Irrigation Projects

- (i) *Sewani Lift Irrigation Scheme*: short note was put up in December, 1986. Estimated to cost Rs. 27.5 crores, the project would benefit an area of 10.87 thousand ha.
- (ii) *Sutlej Yamuna Link Canal (Haryana Portion)*: Short note was put up for Rs. 28.30 crores in August, 1988. Estimated now to cost Rs. 55.81 crores, the project on completion would provide irrigation benefit to 566.8 thousand ha. Replies to the comments of CWC on the revised cost received from State Government in June,

1991 are being examined in CWC.

Medium Project

- (iii) *Increasing capacity of Bibipur Lake:* Short note was put up in October, 1986. Estimated to cost Rs. 45 lakhs, the project would benefit an area of 13.75 thousand ha.

(b) The time for clearance of these schemes depends mainly on the prompt submission of satisfactory replies to the observations of CLC, resolution of Inter-State issues, and obtaining of clearance of the Ministry of Environment and Forests, wherever necessary.

[Translation]

Telephone Exchanges in Outer Delhi

5126. SHRI SAJJAN KUMAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of times the capacity of

telephone exchanges of outer Delhi have been increased and the extent to which it was increased each time;

- (b) the capacity of each telephone exchange functioning in outer Delhi and the number of applicants on the waiting list in each of these exchanges; and

- (c) the steps taken by the Government to clear the waiting list?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The information is given in the attached statement-I.

- (b) The information is given in the attached statement-II

- (c) Plans have been drawn up to augment the equipped capacity of exchanges in Delhi from approximately 6 lakh lines as on 31.3.1991 to approximately 10 lakh lines by 31.3.1995. With this, the waiting list as on 1.4.91 is expected to be mostly cleared by 31.3.1995.